

Listing of Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A computer implemented method of analysing and reformatting a passage of text, comprising the steps of:
 - (a) identifying words in the passage of text representing different parts of speech;
 - (b) grouping at least some of the identified words into discrete units representing discrete linguistic phrases, so as to generate a partially analysed text passage;
 - (c) identifying logically significant conjunctions within the said partially analysed text passage; and
 - (d) reformatting the passage of text that has been analysed so as to reveal the logical structure thereof.
2. (Currently amended) The computer implemented method of claim 1, in which the step of identifying words in the passage of text representing different parts of speech comprises employing a statistical analysis upon the words in the passage of text so as to determine a most likely part of speech category for each word.
3. (Currently amended) The computer implemented method of claim 2, in which the step of performing a statistical analysis comprises performing Hidden Markov Modelling upon the passage of text to be analysed.
4. (Currently amended) The computer implemented method of claim 1, in which the steps of grouping at least some of the identified words into discrete units comprises grouping at least some of the identified words into a first set of intermediate phrases on

the basis of a first predetermined finite set of linguistic rules.

5. (Currently amended) The computer implemented method of claim 4, in which the first set of intermediate phrases includes a phrase selected from the list comprising a noun phrase and a verb phrase.

6. (Currently amended) The computer implemented method of claim 4, in which the step of grouping at least some of the identified words into discrete units further comprises grouping at least some of the intermediate phrases into a second set of final phrases on the basis of a second predetermined finite set of linguistic rules, such that a selected one of the final phrases in the said second set is made up of a plurality of intermediate phrases from the said first set.

7. (Currently amended) The computer implemented method of claim 6, in which the step of grouping the intermediate phrases into the second set of final phrases is carried out through finite state analysis.

8. (Currently amended) The computer implemented method of claim 1, in which the step of identifying logically significant conjunctions comprises the step of searching for predetermined phrase patterns from within the said partially analysed text passage.

9. (Currently amended) The computer implemented method of claim 1, further comprising, after the said step of identifying logically significant conjunctions in the partially analysed text passage, the steps of:

identifying a grammatically appropriate location for inserting of a second part of a two part conjunction within the passage of text to be analysed, when such second part of the said conjunction is not already present; and

automatically inserting at the identified location, an indicator into the reformatted passage of text when the text is displayed, the said indicator indicating that the said

second part of the conjunction should be present there.

10. (Currently amended) The computer implemented method of claim 1, in which the passage of text is stored in electronic form on a digital computer, the method further comprising, prior to the step (a) of identifying words representing different parts of speech, the steps of:

receiving the passage of text to be analysed in electronic form; and
tokenising the received passage of text to identify separate sentences and paragraphs.

11. (Currently amended) The computer implemented method of claim 10, further comprising, after the step (c) of identifying logically significant conjunctions, the step of:
inserting formatting information into the passage of text in electronic form so that, when displayed, the logically significant conjunctions are distinguishable from the remaining text.

12. (Currently amended) A computer readable medium upon which is recorded a software routine for carrying out ~~the a~~ a method of claim 1 analysing and reformatting a passage of text, comprising the steps of:

(a) identifying words in the passage of text representing different parts of speech;

(b) grouping at least some of the identified words into discrete units representing discrete linguistic phrases, so as to generate a partially analysed text passage;

(c) identifying logically significant conjunctions within the said partially analysed text passage; and

(d) reformatting the passage of text that has been analysed so as to reveal the logical structure thereof.